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## Recent Flag State Regulation and Guidance Updates

- **Marshall Islands**

The Marshall Islands has issued four marine safety advisories this week:

- [47/17](#) on 'Compliance for revised MF, GF and VHF NBDP Channeling Requirements'
- [48/17](#) on the plague outbreak in Madagascar
- [49/17](#) on 'Amendments to the Declaration of the Maritime Labour Compliance Part II'
- [50/17](#) on 'Strict enforcement in emission control areas: China'

- **Panama**

Panama has issued two new marine regulations this week. The first is a [marine notice](#) on 'Restrictions imposed by the Republic of Cyprus on vessels calling at illegal ports'. The second is a [marine circular](#) entitled 'Security Measures in Nigerian waters.'

- **Singapore**

Singapore has issued three circulars this week:

- A [shipping circular](#) on 'Expansion of MARINET online services for certificates issued by the Singapore Registry of Ships'
- a [shipping circular](#) on customer service for Singapore registered ships
- a port [marine circular](#) on 'Port Dues Concession for container vessels, bulk carriers and offshore support vessels'.

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## Recent Class Society Guidance

- **ABS - Guide**

ABS has issued a 'Guide for Power Service for Marine and Offshore Applications (2017)'. [Read more.](#)

- **CCS - Guide**

CCS has issued 'RCN No.1 (October 2017) - Guidelines for Inspection of Hull Welds'. [Read more.](#)

- **Lloyd's Register - Classification Alert**

Lloyd's Register has issued a classification alert on 'Harmonic distortion for ship electrical distribution systems, including harmonic filters'. [Read more.](#)

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## Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The Britannia P&I Club - Update**

The Britannia P&I Club has released an update on Ballast Water Management in the US. [Read more.](#)

To view all notices issued by the Britannia P&I Club, log in to [Shipping Regulations & Guidance.](#)

- **The GARD P&I Club - Alert**

The GARD P&I Club has released an alert on the carriage of nickel ore cargoes. [Read more.](#)

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- **The North P&I Club - Update**

The North P&I Club has released an update on ballast water sampling in the Ukraine. [Read more.](#)

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- **The Skuld P&I Club - Incidents**

The Skuld P&I Club has issued an information article on incident investigation and the differences between processes in the UK and the US. [Read more.](#)

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## • The Standard P&I Club - Alerts

The Standard P&I Club has issued three member alerts this week:

- An [alert](#) entitled 'Filipino Disputable Presumption of Work-Related Illness clause requires proof'
- an [alert](#) on the recent legislation implementing the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks in Canada
- an [alert](#) on the revised clearance process of crew and passengers at Singapore ports.

To view all notices issued by the Standard P&I Club, log in to [Shipping Regulations & Guidance](#).

## • The Swedish P&I Club - Alert

The Swedish P&I Club has issued an alert for ships trading on the Amazon river in Brazil. [Read more](#).

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## • The West of England P&I Club - Loss Prevention

The West of England P&I Club has published a 'Laid-up Vessel Reactivation Guide'. [Read more](#).

To view all notices issued by the West of England P&I Club, log in to [Shipping Regulations & Guidance](#).

## • The UK P&I Club - Knowledge

The UK P&I Club has issued three updates this week:

- [Lessons](#) learnt from contact with a jetty
- an [article](#) on Argentinian requirements for vessels with anchor restrictions
- an [article](#) on the 'SENASA new resolution for inspection of holds and tanks'.

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## Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

### • EMSA - Report

The European Maritime Safety Agency has issued its facts and figures report for 2016. The report includes information on maritime monitoring and the implementation of EU legislation. [Read more](#).

### • IMO - Migration at sea

The IMO has published a briefing article entitled 'Unsafe mixed migration by sea – an ongoing humanitarian challenge'. [Read more](#).

- **OCIMF - Newsletter**

OCIMF has published its newsletter for October. [Read more.](#)

- **SIGTTO - Newsletter**

SIGTTO has published its newsletter for the Autumn period. [Read more.](#)

- **USCG - Cybersecurity**

As part of 'National Cyber Security Awareness Month', the USCG has posted an article with 'Five key cyber questions and challenges facing the maritime industry'. [Read more.](#)

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## Recent Accident Reports

- **UK**

The UK MAIB has published an investigation report on the collision in the River Thames of the workboat 'Alison' with the passenger vessel 'Typhoon Clipper'. [Read Report.](#)

- **US**

The US Navy has released an official joint investigation report into the separate collision incidents of the 'USS Fitzgerald' and the 'USS John S McCain'. Both collisions resulted in fatalities. Numerous factors were identified in the investigation including complacency, over-confidence, a lack of procedural compliance and a lack of adherence to sound navigational practices. [Read Report.](#)

- **New Zealand**

The New Zealand Transport Accident Investigation Commission has published a report on the fatal fall from height that took place on the bulk carrier 'New Legend Pearl'. The fall occurred when a crew member was in the process of transferring the lanyard from his safety harness to a different securing point. [Read Report.](#)

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## IMO Recent Circulars

- **LLMC.3/CIRC.48 - 26/10/17**

PROTOCOL OF 1996 TO AMEND THE CONVENTION ON LIMITATION OF LIABILITY FOR MARITIME CLAIMS, 1976. Accession by Portugal. [View Circular.](#)

- **MSC 98/23/Add.2 - 17/10/17**

REPORT OF THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE ON ITS NINETY-EIGHTH SESSION. [View Circular.](#)

- **MSC.4/Circ.253 - 16/10/17**

REPORTS ON ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS. Issued monthly – Acts reported during August 2017. [View Circular.](#)

- **LC.4/Circ.35 - 16/10/17**

1996 PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION BY DUMPING OF WASTES AND OTHER MATTER, 1972. Acceptance by Finland and communication pursuant to article 9(1) of the Protocol. [View Circular.](#)

- **LC-LP.2/Circ.6 - 13/10/17**

1996 PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION BY DUMPING OF WASTES AND OTHER MATTER, 1972. 2013 AMENDMENTS. Acceptance by Finland. [View Circular.](#)

- **LC-LP.2/Circ.5 - 13/10/17**

1996 PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION BY DUMPING OF WASTES AND OTHER MATTER, 1972. Amendment to article 6 of the London Protocol 1996. Acceptance by Finland. [View Circular.](#)

For all recent IMO public circulars, log in to [Shipping Regulations & Guidance.](#)

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## Regulations Recently Entered into Force

IMO and ILO regulations and amendments that have entered into force this year include:

#### **From 8 September 2017 -**

- The Ballast Water Management Convention 2004.

#### **From 1 September 2017 -**

- Amendments to MARPOL Annex IV (Baltic Sea Special Area and Form of ISPP Certificate)
- Amendments to the Nox Technical Code 2008 (Testing of Gas-Fuelled and Dual Fuel Engines)
- Amendments to Regulation 13 of MARPOL Annex VI (Record Requirements for Operational Compliance with Nox Tier III ECAs)
- Amendments to MARPOL Annex II (Revised GESAMP Hazard Evaluation Procedure).

#### **From 1 July 2017 -**

- ECDIS - SOLAS CH V, Reg 19, para 2.10.

For a detailed summary and a full list of recent IMO regulations, log in to [Shipping Regulations & Guidance](#).

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## **A Guide to What's Happening at the IMO**

- Council (extraordinary session) - 20th to 24th November 2017
- Assembly - 27th November to 6th December 2017
- Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Construction (SDC) 5 - 22nd to 26th January 2018
- Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR) 5 - 5th to 9th February 2018
- Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue (NCSR) 5 - 19th to 23rd February 2018
- Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and Equipment (SSE) 5 - 12th to 16th March 2018
- Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) 72 - 9th to 13th April 2018
- Legal Committee (LEG) 105 - 23rd to 27th April 2018
- Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) 99 - 16th to 25th May 2018

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